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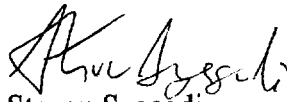
This letter is in regards to the upcoming review of irradiated foods' labeling requirements.

I have been following the progress of food and drug regulations for years and I feel very strongly that the FDA and the United States have been too lenient. This is especially true in the case of modern food preparation, where previously untested or laboratory tested conditions are used as models for mapping the effects of experimental chemicals or processes. Nothing can replace the test of time.

I urge you very strongly not to allow irradiated foods to be labeled with alternative appellations such as "cold pasteurization" or to be left unlabeled altogether. If irradiated foods are to remain leave them labeled accurately and unflinchingly. The consumer should not be kept blind. Whenever the flow of information is tightly controlled or ended altogether it shows a great degree of irresponsibility and even suggests propagandizing.

Food should equal nourishment, not profit.

Respectfully,


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